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After 40-plus years employment with the City of Elba

Pat Boothe announces March 2021 retirement

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, Sept. 28, at Elba City Hall, assistant city clerk Pat Boothe announced her plans to retire in early 2021.

Boothe told council members she wanted to give adequate notice by letting them know her retirement date would be March 1, 2021.

"I have enjoyed my 40-plus years of service to Elba and its citizens and appreciate your kindness and support over the years we have served together," she said.

Mayor Mickey Murdock said he would be sad to see Boothe go, but he wished her well in her retirement when the day comes next year. He jokingly noted he would go home ahead of her as the new mayor would take office later this year.

"Pat has been a very good employee to me personally," the mayor said.

During her activity report, Boothe said the Hawkins-Williams Park restroom renovation project should be completed this week. She also noted the project for renovations at the Elba Theatre were again moving forward.

The water meter replacement project ongoing for the city is 70 percent completed, according to Boothe. She also said the bid for new electric meters had been awarded also.

Boothe gave a special acknowledgment to the employees of the Elba Senior Center. While senior centers remain closed due to COVID-19, Boothe said the

employees of the Elba Center have stayed busy over the past several months delivering meals to their seniors each weekday.

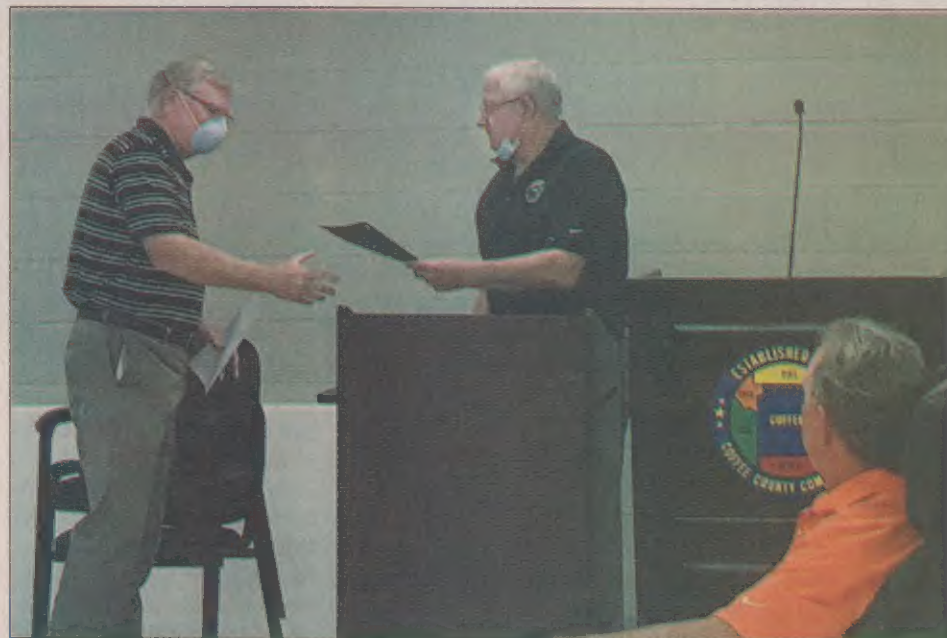
In June, she said the center delivered 1,102 meals; in July 1,200 meals were delivered even with the week of the 4th of July being a non-delivery week; and in August, Boothe said 1,319 meals were delivered.

"I wanted to specifically thank senior center director Donna Falls and her assistant for the great job they

are doing," Boothe said. "Not only do they deliver these meals to the seniors, but they also plan special surprises for them."

Looking at the ongoing FEMA flood buyout project [for the December 2015 flood] in Elba, Boothe said three of seven property demolitions had been completed by the city on the first group of homes purchased. Of the remaining four in that batch of buyouts, she

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Coffee County Commission chairman Dean Smith (right) presents a proclamation to David Hanks, executive director of the Wiregrass Area Food Bank, recognizing September as Hunger Action Month. Also shown in the photo (seated) is Coffee County Commissioner Al Britt.

During Coffee County Commission meeting

EMA director provides COVID-19 update for county

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission approved a proclamation Monday, Sept. 28, during its regular meeting recognizing September as Hunger Action Month.

The proclamation was presented to David Hanks, executive director of the Wiregrass Area Food Bank. He thanked Coffee County for its continued support of area food banks.

"We are doing all we can to help folks through this COVID-19 crisis," Hanks said. "Our area food banks distributed 4.5 million pounds of food in Fiscal Year 2020."

EMA director James Brown provided commissioners with his bi-weekly COVID-19 report, and he said the numbers continue to fluctuate.

"The fluctuation in numbers reminds us to reiterate it is still mandatory [until the governor announces otherwise] for us to wear facial coverings in public," Brown said.

He said it is expected that Governor Ivey would make an updated announcement on COVID-19 regulations later this week.

A couple weeks ago, Brown said Coffee County had 78 new cases over the 14-day period for an average of 5 per day. As of Monday, he said the new cases were up to 146 over a 14-day period for an average of 10 per day.

"Based on our numbers,

we believe there are 38 active/infectious cases in Coffee County [as of Monday]," Brown said. "Also, there are about 90 people currently quarantined. If our cases don't go down for two weeks, our risk factor goes up."

He said local ICU beds remain pretty full. Therefore, he said it is still important for citizens to take precautions. A sudden outbreak in cases would make it difficult on the hospitals, Brown said.

During the recent Hurricane Sally weather event,

engineer Marty Lentz said the county highway department responded to 54 trees across roadways. He said, at one point, during the weather event that 24 roads within the county were closed.

As of Monday morning, Lentz said the county still had five road closures - County Roads 205, 723, 332, 365, and 239.

While giving his report, Lentz asked commissioners to approve two bids. The annual Plant Mix bid was

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Coffee County implementing new protocol for jury service

The Circuit Judges of the 12th Judicial Circuit have implemented new procedures and safety protocol for jury service.

Effective Sept. 14, new procedures designed to keep jurors, other court participants and the public safe from COVID-19 have been put in place in an effort to allow jury trials to resume in Coffee County. Summons for jury service will include information about qualifying online.

The new jury summons process has recently been developed in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic and will be the first occasion that an online jury qualification process has been used in Alabama state courts. Those individuals receiving a summons for jury

duty will be instructed to log onto a dedicated juror website to complete a short questionnaire, using a secure PIN assigned to each potential juror.

The website may be accessed by computer or on a smart phone.

By completing the form, potential jurors will now qualify for jury service or request to be excused from jury service for a recognized exception online rather than in person. Jurors who are at a heightened risk of contracting COVID-19 due to age or an underlying medical condition may use the online form to request their jury service be deferred until a later date.

Coffee County Circuit

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Elba Fire Department receives grant funds to purchase new rescue equipment/tools

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker addressed the Elba City Council during its regular meeting Monday evening, Sept. 28, to inform the council that the fire department had been awarded a FEMA grant to purchase some new equipment.

Parker said the grand award was for \$51,250 and is a 95/5 match grant. Therefore, he said the department's cost would be roughly \$2,500.

"The tools we are going to replace with these monies are about 15 years old," Parker said. "This grant program has been very good to us over the years."

Parker said the plan is for the fire department to replace its gas-operated hydraulic rescue equipment with a new battery-powered hydraulic rescue tool used for extrication. Also, he said the funds would allow the department to purchase stabilization struts to accommodate the extrication equipment.

"With this new tool, we can be cutting in less than 60 seconds after arriving on scene," Parker said. "The tools we are purchasing also will allow us to actually be able to lift a vehicle off of someone, if needed."

Over the past 10 years, Chief Parker said this FEMA grant program has awarded Elba's Fire Department approximately

\$750,000. He said the department in the past had purchased a couple of vehicles with monies from this program.

He said the next step is to request bids for the equipment. Therefore, he said he

would be returning to a future council meeting to get official approval to award the bid to allow the fire department to move forward with purchase of this new equipment.

No Pumpkins on the Square this year in Elba...

Instead, Go Trick-or-Treating!

There will be no Pumpkins on the Square to attend, no Haunted Hayride to tour this year in Elba. ON THE MENU INSTEAD: Trick or Treat in Elba neighborhoods this Halloween, Saturday, Oct. 31, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.

"It is all your own style fun," said Sandy Bynum, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. "Homeowners that wish to participate and give out candy should have their porch lights on. Those choosing not to take part should leave their porch lights off."

Elba's popular Pumpkins on the Square is being replaced this year with Trick or Treat, described by the city as an "outdoor street festival."

The Elba Chamber of Commerce formed a committee to seek input from the community to evaluate the event that normally is attended by over 4,000 people, Bynum said. The Chamber's committee had representatives from parents, businesses, city council, police officers, and medical professionals. Their recommendation was to allow outdoor trick-or-treating that can be coordinated by individual families.

"Everything has been really upended this year," Bynum said. "And everyone is searching for a little bit of joy. Halloween is one of those holidays that everyone can celebrate in their own way while still coming together."

There's no question that Halloween will look different in Elba this year, she said; however the greater distance, the fewer the people, the lower the risk of spreading the coronavirus. Everyone is advised to lower their risk by following CDC's recommendations.



THESE ELBA YOUTH CHEERLEADERS WERE SUPER EXCITED Monday evening, Sept. 28, to use supplies donated by the Elba Public Library to create their 'game day' run-thru sign for Saturday's match-ups against New Brockton. The Elba Parks and Recreation sponsors the youth football and cheer programs in Elba. On Saturday, Elba will host New Brockton at Tiger Stadium with Mini Mite action starting at 8:30 a.m. and Termite action to follow around 9:45 a.m. These girls are ready to cheer for the Tigers!

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand." - Harry S. Truman

Senator Mitch McConnell has reportedly said he is not firmly committed to a pre-election vote to confirm Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the U. S. Supreme Court prior to the November election. As a Republican normally agreeing with President Trump, it is our uninformed opinion that he is saying he is waiting to see which way the political winds are blowing as the election date gets closer. Then if he feels he has the votes, and/or it serves President Trump's re-election efforts, Americans will have a new Supreme Court Justice before election day. Otherwise, the public will hear things about "proving we are not pushing things down the public's throat," "there is plenty of time after the election," etc. Again, our uninformed thoughts are that probably Trump has gotten any boost he was going to get just by announcing his nominee.

The New York Times was reporting this past weekend that President Trump paid \$750 in federal income taxes in both 2016 and 2017. The news article also noted Trump paid no federal income taxes in ten of the last fifteen years. They did confirm his comments about an "IRS audit", speculating it could cost him up to \$100 million in back taxes if things don't go his way. A lot of Americans would gladly swap tax returns with him! Of course, with all his far-flung business ventures, it would be awful hard for anyone to compare one of Trump's tax returns with the guy down the street whose sole income is a weekly paycheck.

A federal judge has ruled that the Census Bureau can't shut down the national head counting a month early as they had recently announced. That gives all states, especially us slow acting Alabama folks, time to add more people to the official count. In that vein, we urge our readers to be sure to get counted, it is a benefit to you, your extended family and your neighbors.

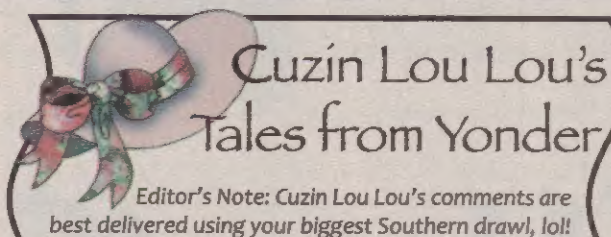
The second, and final, mayoral forum of 2020 was held last Thursday evening. We were impressed by each candidate's performance, and maybe more pointedly, their attitude. Of course, they each were ready with facts and figures for the six questions, but throughout the forum both candidates showed maturity with their references to comments by their opponent. On more than one occasion both Tim and Tom gestured to the other and said, "I agree with ____". That takes confidence and maturity in such head-to-head election forums. Our national politicians should take lessons from these Elba folks.

If you live and vote in Elba, please remember to vote in the mayoral run-off next Tuesday.

The coronavirus death toll in the United States is now roughly equal to the population of Akron, Ohio, or nearly two and a half times the number of U.S. service members who died in battle in the Vietnam and Korean Wars combined, and about 800 people are still dying daily.

Very successful book author Winston Groom of Fairhope, Alabama died recently. He was first a historian and was a very successful writer, spitting out best sellers, nominated for Pulitzer Prize, etc. Then he wrote a war novel - Forrest Gump - that put him on the map everywhere when it was adapted to movie screen in 1994. Even as a novel, it had awesome realism - he was an infantryman in Vietnam so knew war from ground level. Last weekend we decided to honor his life, and death, by re-reading at least one of his books. Reaching into our bookcase, the first one we picked up was "Allies" about Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin and their WWII efforts that won that war. It is factual and good reading, even the second time around.

Be safe - wear your mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.



Cuzin Lou Lou listened in last Thursday night to the Elba Mayoral Forum featuring candidates Tom Maddox and Tim Johnson.

Some very good questions were asked by the moderator during the event, including:

- In times of floods, and this year COVID-19, it is necessary for there to be a line of direct communication between the mayor's office and the citizens. What are your thoughts on how Elba handles this now, and how to you think we can improve that line of communication?
- While it may not be conceivable/profitable to focus on trying to bring a new hospital to the city, do you think Elba's next mayor should make it a priority to work towards trying to bring some sort of trauma/urgent care center to the city? Also, do think having such a center would benefit the city as it tries to get new industry to locate here?

- It seems our city has been behind the curve ball regarding pay for employees, specifically in departments such as the police department and electric department, thus causing Elba to lose good, qualified employees to other neighboring agencies/cities. Add to that, recently some other local municipalities have announced pay raises for police... What can be done to slow down and/or stop the revolving door with potential employees so we can hire and retain good, qualified individuals?

These were just three ex-

amples of the questions the two candidates were asked.

Cuzin Lou Lou noted that while in some instances the candidates pretty much agreed there is action to be taken, each had his own idea on how to handle the matters.

All-in-all, Cuzin Lou Lou felt this was a very good opportunity for citizens to get a better understanding of what each candidate brings to the plate to offer as the next Mayor of Elba. The forum also is a good way for those looking for answers/change to get an idea on how each candidate might approach issues as they arise.

For those who did not watch the forum, Cuzin Lou Lou encourages them to log on to facebook [The Elba Clipper page and the Elba Chamber of Commerce page each have videos from the event] or The Elba Clipper's website and watch some of the forum. Those still undecided on 'who to vote for next Tuesday' might just find some help from last Thursday's forum in making that decision.

Either way...go vote next Tuesday, Elba! This is one of the most important civil duties we have as citizens.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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The U.S. Census Bureau has says the data collection deadline is October 5, 2020.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Sept. 22, and Monday, Sept. 28, 2020, conducted the following activity:

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22 - Prowler reported on Taylor Mill Rd (6:32 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported on Hwy 203 (7:48 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 211 Plant Ave (10:30 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 1425 Martin Luther King Dr (11:20 a.m.); Theft of property reported on Hickman Ave (3:34 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Hwy 203 (5:56 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23 - Traffic accident reported on Taylor Mill Rd (6:29 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1103 Caroline St (11:38 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 329 Sollie Dr (3:15 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1499 Claxton Ave (5:16 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (7:45 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 990 Hwy 203 (7:56 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 919 Flournoy Dr (8:53 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on County

Rd 502 (10:16 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date with each resulting in a warning issued.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24 - No report available for this date.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25 - Suspicious person reported on Hwy 84 (8:06 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 3454 Hwy 125 (9:03 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 166 (1:32 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 538 Smith Ave (12:12 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 166 (1:32 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1152 Neil Grantham Dr (1:59 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 878 N Claxton Ave (3:35 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1620 Boswell St (3:45 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 402 Collier St (4:47 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1222 Hickman Ave (9:16 p.m.).

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26 - Elba Police assisted another agency with a shots fired call at 507 Glover Ave, Enterprise (1:44 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 430 Plant Ave (6:23 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 897 Old Samson Rd (12:38 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 1029 Caroline St (5:40 p.m.); Prowler reported on Morrow Ave (7:33 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 5539 Hwy 125 (8:12 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1069 Sunset Blvd (10:19 p.m.).

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27 - Domestic complaint reported at 2695 Hwy 166 (8:35 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a verbal warning.

MONDAY, SEPT. 28 - Animal complaint reported at 1069 Sunset Blvd (6:37 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at Regency Apartments on Hickman Ave (12:30 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1176 Neil Grantham Dr (8:22 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in two written warnings and one verbal warning issued.

NOTICE:

City of Elba officials have announced that anyone wanting to view a copy of the certified voter list of all qualified electors registered to vote for the Elba Runoff 2020 Election can do so at Elba City Hall. The Runoff Election in Elba will be Tuesday, Oct. 6th.

The public is hereby notified that on Monday, Oct. 5, at 8 a.m. in the Elba Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, there will be Public Testing of the Precinct Ballot Counters to be used in the October 6, 2020 Municipal Run-Off Election for the City of Elba.

The public is hereby notified that on Monday Oct. 12, at the regular scheduled Elba City Council meeting, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Elba City Hall, the council will canvas the election results of the October 6, 2020 Run-off Election.



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said a contractor would have to be hired to demo on structure due to asbestos issues, and the city would complete demo on the other three.

Boothe said offer packets had been sent out on nine of 14 properties in the second group in the buyout program. She said the city had already received a response on some of those offers, as well.

City Clerk Sally Bane provided a cost estimate on damages from the recent Hurricane Sally weather event. She said the city engineer had estimated the cost for repairing a washout

of a parking area by the Pea River boat ramp to be just over \$65,000 while the cost estimate to repair the Simmons Street culvert issue is \$198,725.

Upon request by the Coffee County EMA office, Bane said the city would be turning in these estimates along with costs for employee overtime and equipment to the EMA office for possible disaster reimbursement, if the county is approved for it by the governor. She said the total cost estimate Elba would be turning in is \$284,709.65.

If approved for the disaster relief, Bane said the

city would receive 75 percent of those costs back.

"I heard numerous comments of how everyone worked together [during Hurricane Sally]," Boothe said. "I specifically wanted to thank Sally for the job she did during that event."

Police Chief Leslie Hussey also was very appreciative of the job all city departments did in working together during the Hurricane Sally weather event.

"I wanted to thank all the city departments," he said. "Having worked several flood events in Elba none of my meetings before have I ever seen everyone work in

more harmony than we did this time."

The police chief also thanked the council for the recent Heroes Pay one-time pay raise for his employees. He said it made it made a huge difference to his employees.

He noted the department would have two new dispatchers joining the police department on Oct. 5th and possibly a new police officer too. Also during his report, the chief said new handguns had arrived for the officers, and they had completed their qualifying requirements for the new guns.

The council set Monday, Oct. 19, at 5:30 p.m., as a workshop to discuss the Fiscal Year 2021 budget. This will be a joint workshop with the Elba Water and Electric board.

The next city council meeting will be Monday, Oct. 12, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall.

JURY

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and District Courts have established safety protocols that have been implemented to make jury service safer during the current pandemic. Those new procedures include sanitizing surfaces, temperature checks for fever, social distancing measures, contactless sanitizing stations, one way travel staircases where possible, limitation on the number of people permitted inside an elevator, a newly configured jury box that will permit jurors to be seated at least six feet from one another, and a new jury room that permits jurors to maintain an appropriate social distance during deliberations and recesses.

Individuals who receive a juror summons and do not have internet or smartphone access that would enable them to complete online registration may contact the office of the Circuit Clerk, Amy Reeves, at the telephone number provided on the summons.

Completion of the online juror qualification will greatly help in managing the number of people who are required to appear at the courthouse at one time. It is possible that all online qualifiers will not be required to appear on the first day of court.

CCC

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awarded to Wiregrass Construction while the annual Triple Surface Treatment bid was awarded to S&C Construction.

Commissioners gave their approval to allow for the purchase of a new compactor for the landfill. Environmental services director Mike Thornton said this purchase was budgeted for Fiscal Year 2021. The cost of the new compactor is \$976,336.

Commissioners also gave approval to allow for the purchase of a new body

scanner for the Coffee County Jail. The cost on this item is \$169,000.

County administrator Rod Morgan said the body scanner purchase is eligible for reimbursement via the CARES Act.

County extension agent Gavin Mauldin said two events would be held over the next couple of months at the farm center complex. On Oct. 10th, the county will host the Steer and Heifer Show at the barn while on Nov. 14th the Wiregrass Market Hog

Show will be held.

Denine Richey said the Coffee County Board of Registrars office had been very busy with elections coming up. She said the last day to apply for an absentee ballot for the November General Election is Oct. 29th. These ballots can be returned to the Absentee Ballot manager's office at the county complex or returned via mail.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Oct. 12th at 9 a.m. in New Brockton.

Section 8 Homes



Examples of current Section 8 Housing that are part of the Elba Housing Authority's program, as presented by Laurie Chapman to the Elba City Council.

Elba Council votes to join USMayors.org to allow Housing Authority to apply for grant program funds

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Upon request of the Elba Housing Authority, the Elba City Council voted Monday night, Sept. 28, to join the USMayors.org group.

The reasoning behind this request was to allow the city and housing authority to move forward with a proposed grant partnership. The idea was proposed by Laurie Chapman, executive director of the Elba Housing Authority, during the Sept. 14th council meeting.

The city pays \$1,992 per year to join the usmayors.org organization, and that is a requirement for the housing authority to be able to apply for the grant program, according to Chapman.

This would be a Micro Loan Program for Landlords. Grant awards are \$75,000 for first place and \$50,000 for second place. Also, in joining usmayors.org, Chapman said the city would be open for additional networking opportunities, training, policy development, and other benefits.

Chapman said the grant proceeds, if Elba is awarded a grant, would be used to provide micro-grants to landlords to bring houses up to Housing Quality Standards. She said the micro-grants would range from \$2,500 - \$5,000 each.

"Application would give priority to properties that have not been on Section 8 in the past three years," Chapman said. "Applicants

would outline proposed improvements and expenses, and the scope of work must render the unit suitable for tenancy."

Chapman said currently the Elba Housing Authority owns and maintains 125 public housing units. She said 15 units are houses owned by the authority, and 110 units are apartments located in four different complexes in Elba.

Through Elba's Section 8 Program, Chapman said the Elba Housing Authority has 119 Housing Choice Vouchers. Section 8 tenants are under contract with private landlords and their rent amounts are subsidized by the Authority.

"We have 18-25 unused vouchers at any given time," Chapman said. "Inadequate housing stocks exist in Elba due in part to flooding and a prolonged FEMA process. The future of HUD funding here for this program is in peril."

Chapman said the idea behind this grant program is to attract more property owners to become Section 8 landlords. She said the micro-grants from the program could help property owners work to get their property up-to-standard and allow them to rent to Section 8 tenants.

Chapman said Section 8 housing is good for Elba because it provides safe, decent, and affordable housing for low-income residents, and landlords must meet Housing Quality Standards to be approved for the pro-



ELBA
Housing Authority

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at
www.elba-clipper.com

PEGGY ANN NELSON

Mrs. Peggy Ann Nelson, age 76, a resident of Andalusia, Ala., died Friday, Sept. 25, 2020 at her home.

Graveside services were held Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020 at the Brantley City Cemetery with Rev. Keith Morgan officiating. Burial followed with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. The family requested in lieu of flowers that memorials be made to the Brantley Methodist Church building fund in Peggy's memory.

She was preceded in death by her parents Foy Lee Wallace Morgan, and Bibb Gardner Morgan Jr., along with an infant son, Naftel Wayne Nelson Jr., and by her brother, Wayne Morgan.

Survivors include her husband: Naftel Wayne Nelson, Andalusia; daughter: Lisa Nelson Harris (James), along with grandson: Ryan Nelson Harris, and granddaughters: Madison Victoria Harris, and Morgan Elizabeth Harris, all of Brantley; and a sister: Jane Morgan, Brantley.

JANIE K. JONES AMBERSON

Mrs. Janie K. Jones Amberson, of Gadsden, Ala., formerly of Elba, Ala., died at her home Friday, Sept. 25, 2020, after an extended illness.

Janie grew up as a member of Whitewater Baptist Church in Elba where she played the organ for many years. She was preceded in death by her father, R. S. Jones of Elba.

Survivors include her husband: Terry Amberson; children: Tammy Brown, Camille (Matt) Whaley, Leigh Ann Amberson, and Brandi (Wesley) Todd; grandchildren: Sydney Eads, Madison Whaley, Caleb Whaley, Elliot Ford, Emma Grace Todd, Mattie Todd, Bradley Todd, Jordan Moon, Luke Brown and Jessie Brown; great-grandchildren: Payson Cortez and Ella Cate Eads; mother: Lucille Jones; mother-in-law: Kathleen Amberson; brothers: Dwane (Jo Anne) Jones and Joel Jones; nieces: Leigh Ann (Reardo) Medina and Melissa (Bobby) Bowden; along with special great niece: Olevia Medina and great nephew: Gabriel Medina.

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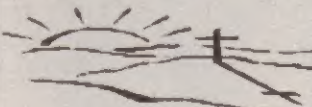
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There's a simple explanation for it. The military burial flags are sent out by the Department of Veteran Affairs, and more than half a million of them are dispatched every single year! What's more, these flags are sent to family members wherever they are, which sometimes means sending those burial flags internationally.

When the VA started this ambitious program, they needed a partner capable of meeting this demand - not just promptly delivering so many flags each year, but getting them to their destinations domestically as well as to locations overseas. Simply put, only one government agency has that kind of reach...the United States Postal Service. That's why this partnership came about, and thus far it seems like it's been a fruitful one.

In fact, you can visit the USPS website to learn more about requesting a burial flag for your loved one. If you have any other questions or inquiries about this program, don't hesitate to reach out to your nearest branch of the VFW or the American Legion. Finally, a funeral home director who has experience with military funeral services can provide you with some additional direction and insight.

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9/10,17,24&10/1-chg.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

APRIL HEAP, PLAINTIFF, VS. WILLIAM HEAP, DEFENDANT.

CASE NO: DR-2020-

900017

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: WILLIAM HEAP. You are hereby notified that a Complaint for Divorce has been filed in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, (Elba Division) against you and you are required to appear and plead to or answer the same within (30) days of the last publication, which will be the 14th day of November 2020, or thereafter a default may be rendered against you.

This the 18th day of September 2020.
/s/ Amy Reeves
Amy Reeves, Circuit Clerk Coffee County, Alabama 9/24, 10/1,8&15-chg.

IN THE MATTER OF MARGARET JESTA SKRZYPIEC, Deceased. IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO. PC2020-055

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 15th day of September 2020 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are

hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 15th day of September 2020
/s/ Evelyn Sunday Cagnina
Personal Representative
9/24,10- 1-/8-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF HELEN JEANETTE HODGE, Deceased.

CASE NO: PC2020-054

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted the 22nd day of September, 2020, to Showndra Kaye (Shiver) Leon as Personal Representative/Executrix of the Estate of Helen Jeanette Hodge, deceased, who departed this life on the 25th day of July, 2020, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of Probate. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Showndra Kaye Leon Showndra Kaye (Shiver) Leon Personal Representative/Executrix of the Estate of Helen Jeanette Hodge, Deceased 9/24, 10/1 & 10/8-pd.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF JOHN DANIEL PIPKINS, Deceased.

CASE NO: PC2020-052

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Shelia Pipkins on the 3rd day of September 2020 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 3rd day of September 2020.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
10/1,8,15-pd.

Additional Public Notice on Page 5!

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Health officials encourage citizens to get flu shot protection this year

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues this fall, the Alabama Hospital Association, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) have joined forces to urge Alabamians to get vaccinated for the flu.

They note that with the additional impact of COVID-19, it's more important than ever to get a flu shot and to get it early.

"Yearly influenza vaccination of all persons 6 months of age and older is the best way to protect yourself and your family from potentially serious complications," said Dr. Scott Harris, State Health

Officer. "Sadly, last year only half of Americans got the vaccination, and more than 400,000 were hospitalized for the flu. Getting vaccinated is easy and can lower the risk of the flu, doctors' visits, hospitalization and even death. The vaccine also reduces the risk of heart attack and stroke among high-risk groups."

To remind the public of the importance of flu shots and to dispel some myths, the organizations will be hosting Flu Fact Fridays on their social media accounts.

"One of the myths is that healthy people don't need the flu vaccine," said President of the Medical

Association, Dr. John Meigs. "While the highest risk is for those with underlying conditions, we've lost thousands of healthy adults and children each year to flu, so that's a myth we need to address right away."

An influenza vaccination will not prevent COVID-19, but it is the best way to minimize the risk of flu.

"It is important that we minimize concurrent outbreaks of flu and COVID-19," said Dr. Don Williamson, president of the Alabama Hospital Association. "Every flu season can be unpredictable, but this year

is especially complicated with the pandemic. We need to do everything we can to keep our hospitals and other healthcare providers from being stretched to capacity as they care for COVID-19 patients and other patients."

The three groups stress that while the flu and COVID-19 are different infections, they share many of the same symptoms – fever, headache, sore throat, muscle aches and fatigue. These similarities may make illnesses more difficult to diagnose and treat. Getting a flu vaccine will reduce the chances of possible misdiagnoses and of getting both diseases at

the same time.

For high-risk persons, vaccination is especially important to decrease their risk of severe flu illness. People at high risk include young children, pregnant women, and people with certain chronic health conditions. People 65 years and older are also at higher risk from COVID-19. For more information about flu vaccine, please see the Influenza Fast Fact Flyer.

Influenza vaccination also is important for health care workers, and other people who live with or care for people at higher risk to keep from spreading flu to them. This is

especially true for people who work in long-term care facilities, which are home to many of the people most vulnerable to flu and COVID-19. People who care for infants younger than 6 months should be vaccinated.

Contact a private physician, pharmacy, or local county health department for a flu clinic schedule. To find a local provider who offers adult flu vaccine, please review the Adult Immunization Provider web page. The more people protected from influenza, the more health care resources will be available during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Public Notices — Continued from Page 4

Elba Volunteer Fire Department Request for Proposal • RECEIPT AND OPENING OF BIDS

Elba Volunteer Fire Department (Purchaser) request bid proposals for the specified Rescue Tools to be received by the Purchaser no later than -
Date: 10/15/2020 Time: 2:00 PM

Bid Opening will be conducted at the following location: Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL 36323

METHOD OF BIDDING
The Purchaser request bid proposals for a set of Rescue Tools, Stabilization/Lifting Struts, & Cribbing.
Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, bearing on the outside the name and address of the CONTRACTOR and the words Elba VFD – SEALED BID FOR RESCUE TOOLS

If forwarded by carrier, the sealed envelope must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to: Elba Volunteer Fire Department c/o Sally Bane, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL 36323

If you have any questions contact: **Drew Parker, (334)447-5419 or elbafdcchief@outlook.com**

Any references to manufacturer or brand names are for reference purposes only and are not intended to exclude products from other manufacturers. Equivalent products will be accepted; however product information should be included so a fair comparison to the specification may be made. Department will contact vendors after bid opening to schedule a working demonstration of tools.

Wording from 2019 Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement

VII Procurement Integrity (pages 62-64)
All procurement activity must be conducted in accordance with Federal Procurement Standards at 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.317 – 200.326.

Among the requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.319(a) applicable to all non-Federal entities other than States, in order to ensure objective contractor performance and eliminate unfair competitive advantage, contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, or invitations for bids or requests for proposals must be excluded from competing for such procurements. FEMA considers this an organizational conflict of interest and interprets this restriction as applying to contractors that help a recipient develop its grant application, project plans, or project budget. This prohibition also applies to the use of former employees to manage the grant or carry out a contract when such former employees worked on such activities while they were employees of the non-Federal entity. Additionally, some of the situations considered to be restrictive of competition include, but are not limited to:

- Placing unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do business.
 - Requiring unnecessary experience and excessive bonding.
 - Noncompetitive pricing practices between firms or between affiliated companies.
 - Noncompetitive contracts to consultants that are on retainer contracts.
 - Organizational conflicts of interest.
 - Specifying only a "brand name" product instead of allowing "an equal" product to be offered and describing the performance or other relevant requirements of the procurement.
 - Any arbitrary action in the procurement process
- Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.319(b), non-Federal entities other than states must conduct procurements in a manner that prohibits the use of statutorily or administratively imposed state, local, territorial or

tribal geographical preferences in the evaluation of bids or proposals, except in those cases where applicable Federal statutes expressly mandate or encourage geographic preference. Nothing in this section preempts state licensing laws. When contracting for architectural and engineering services, geographic location may be a selection criterion provided its application leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the project, to compete for the contract.

The officers, employees, and agents of the non-Federal entity may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. However, non-Federal entities may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial, or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees or agents of the non-Federal entity.

INTENT OF SPECIFICATIONS

It is the intent of this specification to cover the general requirements for Rescue Tools.

1. All tools will meet or exceed the following NFPA Standards, where applicable.

- a. NFPA 1936, 2020 Edition, Standard for Powered Rescue Tools
 - b. NFPA 1500, Current Edition Standards in Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Protection
2. Equipment must be certified by an independent Third Party organization (for example Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc.). Certification label must be affixed to equipment.
3. Minor details of construction and materials where not otherwise specified are left to the discretion of the Bidder,

who will be solely responsible for the design and construction of all features.

4. The Bidder shall provide a detailed description of the proposed Equipment, with product literature. Manufacturer/brand of item will be provided for evaluation by Purchaser.

5. Purchaser will evaluate all bids received to determine product choice that will be in the best interest of the department and that decision will be final.

6. Purchaser reserves the right to reject any and all bids without explanation.

7. Failure by the Purchaser to list the detailed specification does not preclude the contractor from compliance with the NFPA Standards listed.

8. Bidder meets all State and Federal safety standards and laws that are in effect on the date of the bid for the item(s) that are being specified and the particular use for which they are meant.

9. The Equipment must be NEW AND WARRANTED.

10. The successful bidder must be able to provide authorized repairs, service and loaner tool program. The Purchaser may elect to award the contract based on these services as well as price and conformance with the specifications.

11. The successful bidder will provide a minimum of 4 hours training, by a factory trained technician, at the date, time, and location specified by the Purchaser.

12. Proposals submitted shall include prepaid delivery. Terms for delivery of the Equipment must be clearly stated on the bid form.

13. The Purchaser may elect to award the contract based on delivery as well as price and conformance with the specifications.

14. Should the Bidder be unable to comply with the proposed delivery date, the Department's Purchasing Contact shall be notified immediately with the reasons for non-compliance.

- 15. Ownership and responsibility of the Equipment will remain with the Contractor/Manufacturer until formal acceptance of the Equipment is made.
 - 16. Copies of each warranty provided by the equipment manufacturer must be included.
- Battery Operated Rescue Tools**
General Specifications
CUTTER & SPREADER
- Ergonomic design
 - Lightweight, easy to carry
 - Fabricated from extremely high tensile aluminum alloy
 - LED lighting in handles
 - Meets requirements of New Car Technology
 - Two (2) batteries must be included
 - Battery Charger
- SPREADER**
- Battery Operated Spreader
 - Minimum 28-inch spread
 - Must be a "One Person" operated lightweight tool
 - Operates with 28 volt Lithium ion battery
 - Two (2) batteries must be included

- CUTTER**
 - Battery Operated Cutter
 - Minimum 7-inch opening
 - Must be a "One Person" operated lightweight tool
 - Operates with 28 volt Lithium ion battery
 - Two (2) batteries must be included
- TELESCOPIC RAM**
- Battery Operated Ram
 - Must be a "One Person" operated lightweight tool
 - Operates with 28 volt Lithium ion battery
 - Two (2) batteries must be included
 - Length of closed tool: approximately 27"
 - One tool shall be of the "push/pull" type operation.
- COMBI-TOOL**
- Battery Operated Spreader/Cutter
 - Minimum 14 inch spread
 - Must include complete chain set with carrying case, bag, or tool box
 - Must be a "One Person" operated lightweight tool
 - Operates with 28 volt Lithium ion battery
 - Two (2) batteries must be included

- ACCESSORIES**
 - Chargers for Batteries
 - Battery Carry Bag
 - Shore power/inverter
 - Extra Batteries
 - Ram Tip Kit with carrying case or bag
- VEHICLE STABILIZATION/LIFTING STRUT KIT**
- Kit will include struts to handle all type of vehicles ranging from small cars to large commercial vehicles
 - Maximum load up to 80,000 lbs.
 - Lifting capabilities
- VEHICLE CRIBBING KIT**
- Cribbing kit shall designed for Fire & Rescue industry and use.
 - Kit will include cribbing to handle all type of vehicles ranging from small cars to large commercial vehicles
 - The construction shall be of durable engineered plastic
 - Kit shall include a minimum of the following quantities:
 - (12) - 2"x4"x18" Block
 - (4) - 2"x4"x12" Wedge
 - (18) - 4"x4"x18" Block
 - (2) - 4"x4"x20" Wedge
 - (2) - 3" W x 8 ½" Long Wedge
 - (2) - 6" W x 8 ½" Long Wedge
 - (1) - 1" Thick x 9" Sq. Lock Block
 - (1) - 2" Thick x 9" Sq. Lock Block
 - (1) - 3" Thick x 9" Sq. Lock Block
 - (2) - Standard Step Chock Block
 - (2) - Pair of Wheel Chocks
 - (1) - 18"x18"x1 ½" Flat Pad Block
 - (2) - Cribbing Carrying Bags
 - (2) - Crib Toter Bags
- CRASH BAG KIT**
- Kit will include basic tools for performing vehicle extrication tasks.
 - Must include a battery powered glass/windshield cutter with battery charger.
 - Must include patient/victim protection blanket/barrier.
 - Kit must include a storage bag or case for all included tools.
- 10/1&10/8-chg

CONFLICT OF INTEREST/COLLUSION CERTIFICATION

YES	NO
	Does any member, employee, or volunteer of the Fire Department have a financial interest, either directly or indirectly, with the Dealer/Manufacturer? If YES, please explain how the company is avoiding a Conflict of Interest
	Does any member, employee, or volunteer of the Fire Department solicit, either directly or indirectly, any rebates, gifts, or any money or item of value or any promise, obligation, or contract for future reward or compensation? If YES, please explain.
	Bidder certifies that the pricing in this bid have not been disclosed or discussed with the Purchaser or any other Bidder prior to this bid solicitation. If this occurred, Bidder is excluded from competing for this procurement.
	In compliance with the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program Funding Opportunity Announcement, I certify
	Any product information provided to the department was to assist the department with information about the item(s) the department plans to purchase
	Any product and technical information provided to the department was for consideration purposes only.
	Bidder understands that this company or its representative did not develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, and invitations for bids or request for proposals. If this occurred, Bidder understands it violates the FOA and Bidder MUST BE EXCLUDED from competing for such procurements.

Bidder Name (print):

Print Name of Company Official:

Signature of Company Official:

BID PROPOSAL FORM
ELBA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Contractor Company Name
Address
City, State, ZIP Code
Phone Number
Fax Number

Having examined the specifications for equipment, the Contractor submits a Bid of for the following Equipment

ITEM	MANUFACTURER	QTY	PRICE EACH	TOTAL PRICE
Spreader		1		
Cutter		1		
Ram		2		
Combi Tool		1		
Ram Tip Kit		1 kit		
Tool Mounting Brackets		5		
Extra Batteries		1 per tool		
Shore Power (inverter)		1		
Stabilization/Lifting Strut		1 kit		
Cribbing Kit		1 kit		
Crash Bag Kit		1 kit		
TOTAL BID				

DEVIATIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS

	YES	NO
Has the Contractor taken any exceptions to the specifications? (If yes, please detail on additional page title "Exceptions to Specifications, following bid instructions)		
Are all deviations from specifications explained as required by these specifications?		
Does the proposed Equipment comply with the NFPA Standards referenced?		

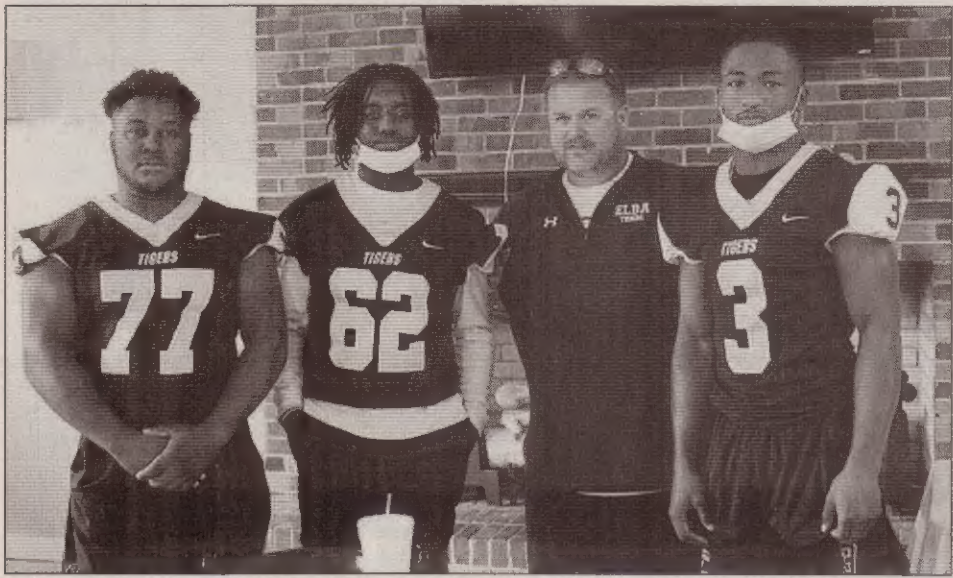
Bidder certifies that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of 60 calendar days following the date of the bid opening.

Delivery days from date of order shall be:

Bidder understands that the Department may reject any and all bids.

Submitted by:
Company Official
Print Name
Signature
Title

LIFESTYLES



Elba Tiger "Players of the Week" from the Cottonwood game included Crashade Griffin (77), Adin Rayborn (62), and Iverson "Duck" Lane (3). In the picture with the players is Elba head coach Marc Sieving.

Says being an Elba Tiger taught him about commitment

Bradley Bowers speaks at Elba QB Club meeting

The guest speaker Friday, Sept. 25, at the Elba Quarterback Club's 'game day' lunch meeting was Bradley Bowers, a Class of 2000 graduate of Elba High School.

Bowers currently is the assistant principal at Zion Chapel School, a part of the Coffee County School System.

"I am a third generation Elba Tiger," Bowers said.

He said he grandfather and dad both played football at Elba before him.

"For me it was like a rite of passage," he said. "You did not feel like you had to play football...it was just what you did. As a boy growing up in Elba, if someone asked you, 'What do you want to be when you grow up?' the answer was 'an Elba Tiger.'"

Bowers said he remembered being a young boy and going to all of Elba's big games. He said on Thursday night before the game on Friday he and his dad would get the maps out and look up exactly where Elba was going the next night to play football. "We always made the trips," he said. "It was just something I loved being able to experience as a kid. Those guys on the field were my heroes."

Bowers said he cannot begin to explain to today's players just how much the little kids are looking up to them now, just as he did to the players when he was a little boy.

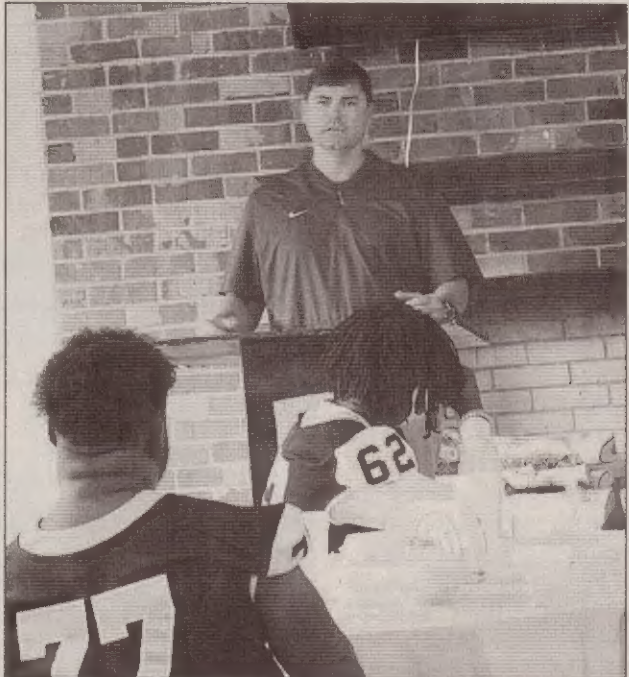
"During my stretch of playing football, we didn't win as many games as Elba was used to winning," Bowers said. "Let me tell you...when you miss the playoffs in Elba, Alabama, it's a bad thing."

He said missing the playoffs was something that in the end taught his group how to be tough. He said they had to learn to overcome and be better.

"Being an Elba Tiger taught me commitment," he said. "Commitment to your team and commitment to your town."

Bowers said there is nothing like the experience one gets at Elba. He said the players have support regardless of a win or a loss, and that is something he has found during his adult career to be unheard of anywhere else.

He said he learned his work ethic from being an Elba Tiger, and it also taught him to take care of things that need to be taken



Bradley Bowers, a 2000 grad of Elba, is shown speaking at the Elba Quarterback Club meeting last Friday, Sept. 25th. An educator himself, Bowers currently serves as assistant principal at Zion Chapel School.

care of in life.

"Being an Elba Tiger showed me how to be a part of something bigger than myself," Bowers said. "It is hard to find a place better than Elba, Alabama."

He spoke of Elba coaches that impacted his life, including Wynn Grimes, Kevin Killingsworth, and David Lowery. He said these men coached the whole person, not just the player.

"It wasn't just about what you did on the football field to them," he said. "They cared about how you did in life. They were not just my coaches. They turned out to be mentors for me as well."

Bowers said he could not have asked for a better experience than to grow up and play football in Elba.

"It truly is a privilege to be an Elba Tiger," he said.

Head football coach Marc Sieving thanked Bowers for his remarks, and jokingly asked him if he could come speak to the whole team later that day.

"I like to watch the players we have with us each Friday and how they respond to the speaker," Sieving said. "I could tell these guys were really engaged in what you [Bowers] had to say. Thank you!"

Shifting focus to Elba's region win over Cottonwood [Sept. 18th], Sieving said he was a little concerned going into the game due to the lack of preparation the team had last week due to the storm.

"I felt like we were flat in pregame warm-ups, and I got on to the players before the game started," he said. "I guess I was wrong because we came out and were hitting on all cylinders."

Sieving said the Tigers had five different players score in the game and racked up close to 400 yards in offense with a lot of that being through running the ball.

"Defensively, we were really proud of how we played last Friday night," Sieving said. "Our guys did what they needed to do to win the game against anybody, and I felt like our defense really took a step in the right direction."

He said the defense gave up less than 100 yards to Cottonwood in the game, and that also included the

Tigers being able to get the backups in the game for some experience too.

Players of the week recognized by Sieving during this week's Elba Quarterback Club meeting included Adin Rayborn (62), Crashade Griffin (77), and Iverson "Duck" Lane (3).

Sieving said Rayborn does a really good job for the Tigers on the offensive and defensive lines. He said he is a real coachable kid and plays with great effort.

Griffin, a sophomore, is an offensive and defensive lineman that Sieving said is a force to be reckoned with and he expects even better things from Griffin as he ages.

Sieving said Lane is an all-around good player for the team. He noted that Lane scored a touchdown on the team's first offensive play of the season against Daleville. Also, on defense, Sieving said it is really hard to get the ball past Lane.

This Friday, Oct. 2, the guest speaker for the Elba Quarterback Club 'game day' meeting will be Marlin "Scooter" Dyess. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Elba Country Club, and those in attendance can order lunch from the menu.

Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama is seeking public input

The Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of Alabama is seeking public input for the preparation of its CARES CSBG grant application. The grant, application may be viewed in person adhering the CDC Guidelines or a copy may be emailed upon request to machis@centurytel.net. Tribal citizens must live in Coffee, Crenshaw, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Houston, Henry, Pike, Bullock, and Montgomery counties. The grant covers applicable charges from

Mountain Tales Film Festival to be held virtually Oct. 3rd and 4th

The Coffee County Arts Alliance partners with 321 Productions to bring the Mountain Tales Film Festival to Piney Woods each year.

The films screened at the 2019 Mountain Tales Film Festival during the Piney Woods weekend were amazing, and event organizers said they look forward to another live film festival during Piney Woods in April of 2021.

This year, however, the film festival is being delivered virtually on Oct. 3rd and Oct. 4th.

The Mountain Tales Film Festival will stream 19 short films, the reading of five screenplays, and will have live discussion panels with film industry professionals. The films are selected from national and international submissions. Details are on the website: www.mountaintalesfilmfestival.com.

To access to the film festival, participants must have a ticket (ticket price is a donation), and access to the festival available after buying a ticket at: <http://mountaintalesfilmfestival.festivee.com>

For more information, contact Java Moody: j a v a @ 3 2 1 - p r o d u c t i o n s . c o m (334.389.3319) or Paige McCay: paige@321-productions.com (205.572.0414).

Maggie Johnson Danley receives Jordan McBride Accounting Scholarship

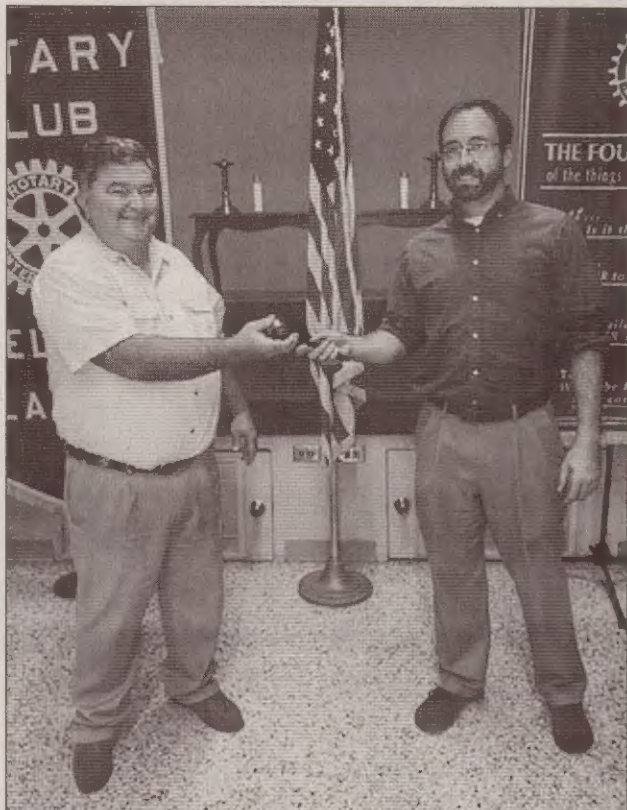
Maggie Johnson Danley of Elba was among the students recognized for outstanding achievements in academics during the Accountancy Day Award Ceremony at Troy University.

Danley received the The Jordan McBride Accounting Scholarship. Accountancy Day was held on Thursday, Sept. 10, at the Troy Campus.

NB's Keenan Rachel makes Dean's List at Georgia Southern

Georgia Southern University recently recognized approximately 4,200 students on the Spring 2020 Dean's List.

Keenan Rachel of New Brockton has been named to the list for excellence in academics. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have at least a 3.5 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 hours for the semester.



WILSON IS NEW ELBA ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT...Justin Maddox (right) is shown passing the president's gavel to Ken Wilson (left) during a recent Elba Rotary Club meeting. The Club thanks Maddox for two great years of service as president.

ESCC sees increase in enrollment

Despite pandemic restrictions and a transition to a new student information system, Enterprise State Community College saw an increase in Fall 2020 student enrollment.

From Fall 2019 to Fall 2020, ESCC saw a 2.6 percent increase in student enrollment, following a trend of enrollment increases at the College since Fall 2016. In addition to an increase in enrollment numbers, more students are taking online general academic and dual enrollment classes.

Face-to-face instruction on the Enterprise campus is the only area that saw a decrease in student numbers this fall. More online and hybrid class offerings were established as part of the College's COVID-19 safety protocols.

Though there are fewer students taking classes on campus at ESCC this fall, instructors have made sure the same educational experience found in a traditional classroom can be found in the College's online classes, according to English, Foreign Languages, and Communication Division Chair Dr. Anna Head.

"Since March, instructors have strived to create unique learning experiences for students who are pursuing their education under challenging circumstances," Head said. "Within the Division of English, Foreign Languages, and Communication, faculty members have employed innovative technologies and honed their skills in the intricacies of virtual instruction in order to retain and perhaps even exceed the pre-pandemic level of instruction.

In addition to online courses, technical courses

offered on the Ozark campus and dual enrollment classes offered on both campuses saw an increase in students.

ESCC President Matt Rodgers said, "This is a testament to the staff. They continued to reach out to our students during a difficult time. They answered questions, provided support and made every effort to help our students every step of the way to enrollment and registration. Everyone at the College has risen to the occasion, and I am so proud of this amazing group of people."

During the summer, ESCC and AAC transitioned to a new system, Banner. This transition meant students could not register for classes during May, June or part of July. This, in addition to no or reduced face-to-face interaction led to new recruitment and registration efforts.

While it is too late to register for the full Fall 2020 semester, ESCC's next five-week mini-term begins Oct. 14, and it's not too late to register for classes. Students can find mini term class offerings at escc.edu/schedule and register through their MyESCC account at escc.edu/myescc. For any questions, call (334)347-2623 to speak to an admission representative.

"I want to personally thank all our students for choosing to join us this fall," Rodgers said. "This semester may look different, but our mission is still the same. No matter if our students are online or in the classroom, we are continuing to provide the same first-class education and training while also offering the proper support they need to be successful."

VA Claims assist office to reopen in New Brockton:

The DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton Ala., will reopen its VA claim assistance office located in the New Brockton Town Hall on September 29, 2020.

The office will be staffed on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 am through 11:00 am. Anyone in need of assistance with a VA Claim is welcome to seek assistance

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson and his Nanny begin working on his spelling words the first day of every week and this week it didn't look too good as on Tuesday he was still struggling with a few tricky words. They kept on working, even when he was in the tub, and he told me when I took him home Thursday night that he made 100 on the test. My little man makes good grades because of hard work, which in itself is a great lesson to learn.

For what it is worth....

*** **The Elba Tigers played hard** for all four quarters and definitely left it all on the field Friday night in a disappointing 27-20 homefield loss to Providence Christian. The Elba offense reached the endzone three times, and if not for fumbles would have rushed for over 300 yards against a 3A opponent, but suffered six turnovers in the game, three of which Providence Christian cashed in for touchdowns. The Tigers did look good at times on offense and made some winning plays, but the four lost fumbles and two interceptions were simply too much to overcome. Over on defense, Elba surrendered over 300 yards in total offense and had problems on the corners making stops against the single-wing attack. The defense played hard and never quit, but got a little tired late in the game due to the physical nature of the game, and in the end just didn't get it done. I was proud of the Tigers for playing hard against a very physical opponent and not backing down, and just hope the players realize how good a team they can be when they play well on both sides of the ball, and not get fixated on the final score.

*** **It wasn't the best of weeks** for the teams in the area as only Brantley was able to post a win. Here is a quick look back at last week's area action....

** **Brantley continued to dominate** any and all challengers with a 48-12 road win over Highland Home. The Bulldogs were expected to have a tough time with their cross-county rivals, but proved once again that they are for real and have their sights set on another state title.

** **New Brockton fell behind 25-0** in the first quarter and never recovered in a 44-25 loss to W.S. Neal, to fall to 1-3 on the season. The Gamecocks never quit fighting despite the disastrous start and twice got within two scores, but simply had too far to come back and lost for the second straight week.

** **Zion Chapel remained winless** on the season with a lopsided 56-12 loss to Samson. The Rebels have been forced to play without a number of quality starters for much of the early-season and it has taken its toll on the players left in uniform. It won't be easy, but the Rebels will rally and hang a few wins up on the board before long.

*** **It was a wild week across the state** as all teams took the field against non-region opponents. Here is a look back at the week that was.... * Slocomb outscored Arifton 35-20 to push its record to 4-1, while the Purple Cats dropped their third straight game after a promising start. * Ashford got its first win of the season with a 14-12 overtime win over 2A Houston County in a game which the Yellowjackets scored in the final minute to force the extra period. * Dale County quietly improved its record to 4-2 with a big 45-18 win over 5A Headland. * Florala scored on the final play of the game to get past Houston Academy 40-35 to remain undefeated. * Eufaula upped its record to 4-2 and claimed its second straight win with an impressive 35-13 victory over Stanhope Elmore. * Opp rallied from an early 14-0 deficit to outscore upstart Straughn 41-20 to improve its record to 5-1. * G.W. Long kept on rolling with an easy 55-14 win over winless Daleville. * Abbeville improved its record to 4-1 with a solid 32-0 win over Bullock County and appears to be a 2A contender. * Geneva County rested its star running back for the upcoming region run and let the defense take center stage in a 22-6 win over Geneva. * Cottonwood remained winless after a wild 37-34 loss to Northside Methodist. * and, Enterprise pulled away late to get past a gutty Carroll Eagle team 43-22 in a game added to the schedule just last week.

*** **The SEC finally kicked off** its football season and the opening week of action included one major upset and some other games that were closer than expected. Of course the upset was Mississippi State's 44-34 win over LSU as Stanford transfer quarterback K.J. Costello completed 36 of 60 passes for 623 yards and 5 td's in the debut of Mike Leach's 'Air Raid' offense. Some other games that were a little more interesting than expected included Georgia rallying from a 7-5 half time deficit to down Arkansas 37-10, Auburn scoring 21 points in the second half to get past Kentucky 29-13, and Florida having to light up the scoreboard



ELBA YOUTH FOOTBALL RETURNED to action last Saturday, Sept. 26, in Opp. The Elba Mini Mites got their first win of the season 26-0 over Opp while the Elba Termites fell 24-8 to Opp. Above, Elba termite defender Powell Bane (24) gives pursuit to a Bobcat runner. This Saturday, Oct. 3, the Elba youth teams will host New Brockton at Tiger Stadium on the Elba City Schools campus. The Mini Mites play at 8:30 a.m. with the Termites game to follow at approximately 9:45 a.m. [after the Mini Mites game].

photo by Sally Bane

to outscore Ole Miss 51-35. Alabama did what it had to in a 38-19 win over Missouri in a game in which Mac Jones completed 18 of 24 passes for 249 yards and two td's, with Jaylen Waddle pulling in 8 passes for 134 yards and two scores before turning it over to the reserves. Hey, at least college football is here!

*** **Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by over the weekend** shaking his head about the Elba Tigers loss to Providence Christian and insisted that with a little luck the Tigers could be sitting at 6-0 right now instead of having two losses. He did agree the Tigers toughest games are still ahead on the schedule, but also insisted that the Tigers have yet to play their best football. Once I got his mind off Elba High football he dropped off this week's fearless forecast, and logged last week's 25-1 record. Here goes....

ELBA VS. GENEVA COUNTY

The Pea River felines will be back at home again Friday night looking to jump near the top of the region standings with a win over a litter of pups that have been barking loudly all season long. The felines may still have a little mud on their paws; however, and if they slow down at all it could make a big difference against the speedy pups. In a region battle....

GENEVA COUNTY 35 ELBA 32**KINSTON VS. FLORALA**

The bulldogs that hang out down near the county line have set a trap for a litter of kitties that have been making life miserable for anyone that goes near a football field. The trap should be ready by late Friday afternoon and while a few kitties may get caught, it will take more than just a few in the trap to make the difference in this region clash.

FLORALA 40 KINSTON 20**ZION CHAPEL VS. G.W. LONG**

The troops from up at Fort Jack will march over into the deep woods of Dale County this week looking to find a much needed win. The troops will have their muskets loaded and have plans for a surprise ambush. However, the guess here is the troops don't have enough ammunition to take home a win in this battle.

G.W. LONG 55 ZION CHAPEL 7

Tigers brace for unbeaten Geneva County

It's back to the region wars for the Elba Tigers on Friday night when they host the undefeated Geneva County Bulldogs, in a key region match-up.

Elba leads the all-time series 26-15 and won the last meeting between the new region rivals 47-12 back in 2005.

"This is a big game because it is the next game on the schedule, it is a region game and is a home game against a very talented team," stated Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving. "Everyone knows that Geneva County has one of the top backs in the nation and is undefeated, but a team doesn't stay undefeated just because of one good player. They are well coached on both sides of the ball and have really gotten better on defense as the season as gone along. It is true Geneva County has a very good player, but it also has a very good team, and we know we will have our hands full."

Geneva County will bring a perfect 5-0 record into the Friday night clash and sits atop the region standings along

Area teams return to region action as season heads into week #7

The regular season hits the week #7 mark on Friday night and it will be back to the region wars for all the teams in the area as the season heads down the home-stretch.

Following are highlights of this week's action:

Slocomb at New Brockton

The (1-3) New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to snap a two-game losing streak on Friday night when they host the (4-1) Slocomb Red Tops, at Bates Memorial Stadium, in Enterprise.

Slocomb leads the short series 4-0 and claimed a 32-6 win in the last meeting back in 2003.

The Gamecocks will enter the region contest mired in a two-game losing streak and have allowed an average of over 45 points per game in the losses, as well as allowing over 40 points in all three losses in the season.

The Red Tops dropped their season opener to 4A Geneva 48-41, but have been on a roll ever since and during their four-game winning streak have defeated Northside Methodist 64-14, Providence Christian 44-14, Houston Academy 48-0 and Arifton 35-20.

Zion Chapel at G.W. Long

The (0-5) Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to pull off the upset of the season on Friday night when they travel to Skipperville to battle the (4-0) G.W. Long Rebels.

G.W. Long leads the all-time series 26-10 and claimed a big 55-0 win in the last meeting back in 2013.

The Rebels from Coffee County have been plagued by injuries all season and last week dropped a 56-12 decision to Samson, while the Rebels from Dale County sit atop the region standings along with Geneva County and posted wins this season over Elba 41-34, Houston County 42-21, Arifton 52-6 and Daleville 55-14.

Florala at Kinston

The (2-3) Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to make some noise in the region wars on Friday night when they host the undefeated (5-0) Florala Wildcats.

Florala leads the all-time series 18-14 and won the last meeting between the region rivals 56-19 last season.

The Bulldogs have lost two of their last three games, but are coming off a much needed open date, while the Wildcats have been of the state's highest scoring teams in posting wins over Houston County 56-14, Samson 44-0, Georgiana 42-14, Red Level 48-0 and Houston Academy 40-35.

Brantley at Samson

The (5-0) Brantley Bulldogs will be on the road Friday night when they tangle with the (3-2) Samson Tigers in a key region match-up.

The series is tied at 6-6 all-time, with the Bulldogs winning the last meeting 23-6 way back in 1983.

The Bulldogs come into the game ranked #1 in the state in Class 1A and boasting the state's highest scoring offensive attack, while the Tigers have posted wins over Cottonwood 28-27, Pleasant Home 12-7 and Zion Chapel 56-12, while losing to Florala 44-0 and McKenzie 28-14.

NEW BROCKTON VS. SLOCOMB

The roosters from over near the bypass don't have many feathers left after their last two Friday night fights and this week have hopes to do a little crowing from down in the hole in Enterprise. The roosters have been giving up a lot of points in recent weeks; however, and may not be able to score enough to keep this one close.

SLOCOMB 44 NEW BROCKTON 22**BRANTLEY VS. SAMSON**

The bulldogs from up above the creek will make a hike down near the state line this weekend looking to have a little fun with a litter of kitties that have been making a little noise in recent weeks. The 'dogs appear to be getting better and better each and every week, and this week will just keep on having fun.

BRANTLEY 48 SAMSON 6**OTHER PICKS:**

McKenzie 35 Pleasant Home 7
Georgiana 36 Red Level 12
Leroy 41 Blacksher 0
Abbeville 27 Arifton 0
Houston County 20 Cottonwood 18
Isabella 29 Highland Home 20
T.R. Miller 31 Excel 6
Wicksburg 48 Daleville 0
Opp 34 Providence Christian 21
Dadeville 33 Goshen 13
Montgomery Catholic 27 Pike County 14
Alabama Ch. 42 Ashford 14
St. James 35 B.T. Washington 8
Geneva 26 Straughn 18
St. Paul's 38 Satsuma 20
UMS-Wright 24 Faith 10
Andalusia 52 Headland 0
Pike Road 56 Ch. Henderson 13
Greenville 20 Rehobeth 14
Saraland 17 Spanish Fort 14
Eufaula 41 Valley 13
Opelika 28 Russell County 0
Colquitt County 36 Dothan 22
Prattville 31 Enterprise 28

with G.W. Long with perfect 3-0 region slates. The Bulldogs wins have come over 3A Wicksburg 19-15, Cottonwood 39-12, Arifton 54-41, Abbeville 42-30 and 4A Geneva 22-6.

"On offense Geneva County will get in two tight ends and pitch the ball to (Emmanuel) Henderson and let him do his thing," said Sieving, "but they also have two big receivers that are both about 6'3" and will go to the spread and get the ball to them. The quarterback also does a really good job directing the offense and is a winner. Geneva County can attack you on offense in a variety of ways and can put a lot of points on the scoreboard in a hurry. They do have one of the top running backs in the nation, but aren't a one man team by any standard."

"On defense they really get after you and run to the football on every play," added Sieving. "They held Geneva to one score last week in a big win and you can tell they have spent some time on defense this season to get better."

"For us to win this week we can't help them by turning the ball over on offense and have to tackle well, especially when Henderson gets the ball. We helped Providence Christian last week with six turnovers and didn't play well enough on defense. This is the seventh week of the season for us and it is kind of late to be making changes, but we are going to make some adjustments in certain places and hope it helps. We have a pretty good football team when we play well, but aren't good enough to win when we help our opponents. It is my job to have the players ready to play and prepared to play their best, and we'll keep working and get better."

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SPORTS NEWS



Elba Tiger Crashade Griffin (77) applies pressure to Providence Christian quarterback in last week's 27-20 loss to the Eagles. The Tigers will host Geneva County Friday night in a key region match-up.



Elba Marching Tiger Natalie Chandler performs at halftime and carries a heavy load as a tuba player in the band. The Marching Tigers have performed at all Elba football games this season.

Tiger turnovers prove fatal in 27-20 loss

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers battled the 3A Providence Christian Eagles on even terms for all four quarters Friday night at soggy Mack Wood Field, but the combination of six turnovers and eight penalties proved too much to overcome as they slipped to 4-2 on the season with a 27-20 homefield loss.

Elba received the opening kickoff, but kept the ball for only one play as on its second play from scrimmage the Tigers suffered their first of nine fumbles and handed the ball over to the Eagles at the Elba 36-yardline.

Providence Christian needed seven plays to cover the distance to the endzone, with Gus Goldsborough scoring the Eagle touchdown on a 1-yard run. John Jeter kicked the extra-point, and with 8:26 left in the first quarter Providence Christian was on top 7-0.

The Tigers gave the ball right back to the Eagles near midfield when they fumbled an on-sides kick on the ensuing kickoff, and this time it took Providence Christian only one play to cash in the Tiger turnover as Goldsborough broke loose around the end and raced 53 yards for his second touchdown of the game. The extra-point try sailed wide, but with 7:11 remaining in the quarter the Eagles were already on top 13-0 over the hometown Tigers.

A 10-yard loss on a fumble stalled the next Elba possession. However, the Tigers regained possession at their own 44-yardline late in the quarter after an Eagle punt and finally got rolling as they went 56 yards in six plays to get on the scoreboard. The Tiger touchdown came on a 40-yard gallop by Chrystyle Caldwell, and Jacques Prince

ran in the two-point conversion as Elba pulled within 13-8 with 8-seconds still remaining in the opening quarter.

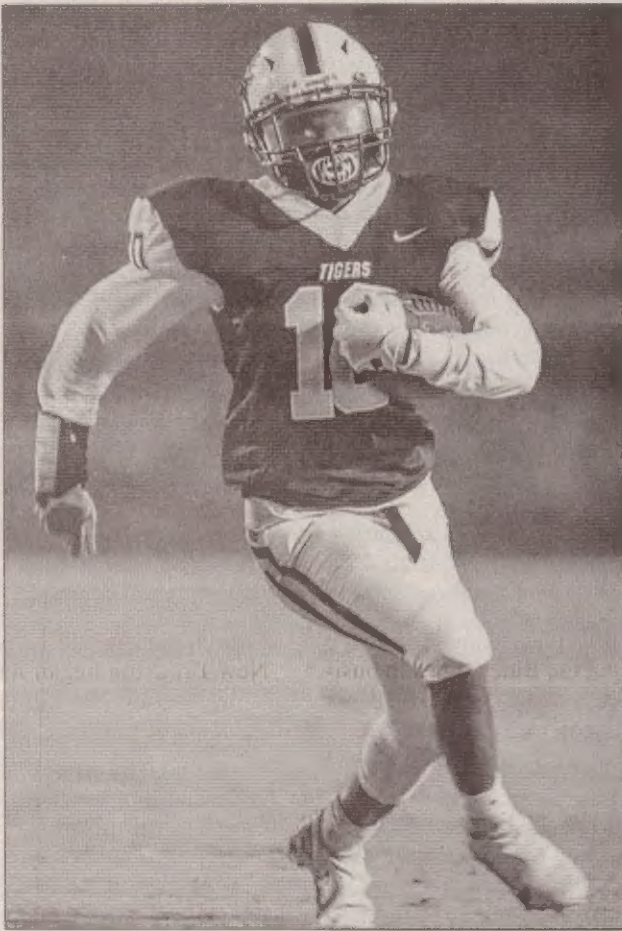
Elba's Iverson Lane recovered an Eagle fumble near midfield only a minute later to put the Tigers right back in business, and behind the running and passing of Jacques Prince quickly reached a first down at the Providence Christian 25-yardline. A 10-yard loss on a fumble stalled the scoring chance; however, and when a fourth down pass was intercepted, the Tigers came away empty-handed.

Elba dodged a bullet on the ensuing Providence Christian possession when an Eagle fumble rolled into the endzone to stop a scoring threat, but the Tigers again failed to take advantage of the turnover and gave the ball back at the Providence Christian 24-yardline when an Elba receiver lost the handle on the ball after what would have been a 26-yard pass completion.

The Tigers began their initial possession of the second half at their own 17-yardline after an Eagle punt and overcame 25 yards in penalties to drive 83 yards to take the lead!

Collin Harrison rushed for 24 yards on three carries and Chrystyle Caldwell pulled in a 28-yard pass from Jacques Prince to move the Tigers across midfield, and while an apparent 22-yard scoring dash by JT Coleman was wiped out by a penalty flag, Elba overcame the flag and reached the endzone on a 10-yard run by Collin Harrison. A two-point run failed to produce points, but with 3:57 left in the third quarter the Tigers were ahead for the first time at 14-13.

The Elba defense made a fourth down stand near mid-



Elba Tiger JT Coleman (10) turns the corner and eyes room to run in last week's non-region clash with the Providence Christian Eagles.

field to give the ball back to the offense, but the Tigers gave the ball right back on a fumble at the Elba 47-yardline, and for the third time in the game the Eagles cashed in an Elba turnover as they went 47 yards in five plays to regain the lead. Stephen Weatherford scored the Eagle touchdown on an 18-yard scamper, and Jeter added the extra-point to put Providence Christian back on top 21-14 with 11:46 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Elba began its ensuing possession at its own 33-yardline and marched 67 yards in ten running plays to get back into the endzone. Collin Harrison rushed for all the Elba yards on eight carries and scored the Tiger touchdown on a 5-yard run, but the two-point try failed,

and with 6:54 remaining on the clock the Tigers trailed 21-20.

Providence Christian began its ensuing offensive series at its own 35-yardline and ate up over four minutes off the clock as the Eagles went 65 yards in eight plays to add to their lead. A 15-yard penalty against Elba helped the Eagles keep the drive alive early, while Gus Goldsborough scored his third touchdown of the night on a 10-yard blast. The extra-point try sailed wide, but with 2:51 left on the clock the Eagles now owned a 27-20 lead.

The Tigers began their next possession at the 38-yardline with hopes of a late score to pull out a win, but instead turned the ball over for the sixth time, this time on a pass interception, and Providence Christian ran out the final two minutes to preserve the 27-20 win.

Collin Harrison rushed for 161 yards and two touchdowns on 19 carries to lead the Elba offense, while Jacques Prince rushed for 53 yards and one td on seven carries and completed 6 of 11 passes for 56 yards, and Chrystyle Caldwell rushed for 40 yards and one td on two carries and caught four passes for 55 yards.

The Elba defense was paced by Jacques Prince with 11 tackles, while Chrystyle Caldwell added 7 stops and John Martin Wilson and Collin Sauls both added 4 stops.

Gus Goldsborough rushed for 113 yards and 3 td's on 14 carries to lead the Eagles, while Jake Smith added 90 yards on 12 carries and Stephen Weatherford added 71 yards and one td on 11 carries.



Elba Tiger Jacques Prince (7) looks for running room. Prince rushed for 53 yards on eight carries and completed 6 of 11 passes for 56 yards in last week's 27-20 loss to Providence Christian.

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Elba Tiger Collin Harrison (1) fights for yardage. Harrison rushed for 161 yards and 2 touchdowns in last week's 27-20 loss.

SPORTS NEWS



GANG TACKLING GAMECOCKS.... A trio of New Brockton Gamecocks meet at a W.S. Neal runner to make the stop. The Gamecocks will host Slocomb Friday night in a key region match-up.



New Brockton Gamecock Marching Band keeps fans entertained during halftime festivities Friday night. The New Brockton band has performed at all Gamecock football games throughout the season.

Gamecocks rally falls short in 44-25 loss

Statistics by Brandon 'Speedy' White
Photos by Greg Brunson

The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind 25-0 in the first quarter and never recovered Friday night in a disappointing 44-25 loss to the W.S. Neal Blue Eagles, at Bates Memorial Stadium, in Enterprise.

W.S. Neal began its first offensive series at its own 36-yardline and went 64 yards in three plays to grab an early lead. A 60-yard run by Lakietric Barnes on the first play from scrimmage put the Blue Eagles in business, while the score came on a 1-yard run by Dashawn Smith. Issac Bonam kicked the extra-point, and with 9:28 left in the first quarter W.S. Neal was on top 7-0.

W.S. Neal regained possession at midfield after an on-sides kick, and this time went 50 yards in seven plays to add to its lead. Lakietric Barnes gained 38 yards on two carries and scored the touchdown on a 7-yard run, and while the extra-point failed, the Blue Eagles lead was up to 13-0 with 6:23 remaining in the quarter.

W.S. Neal began its next possession at its own 45-yardline after a Gamecock punt and needed only three plays to cover the 55 yards

to the endzone. Samuel Borsage scored the Blue Eagle touchdown on a 51-yard run, and while a two-point pass missed its target, W.S. Neal's lead was up to 19-0 with 4:17 left in the quarter.

W.S. Neal regained possession at its own 19-yardline following a Gamecock punt and this time went 81 yards in four plays to get back into the endzone. Dashawn Smith scored the touchdown on a 63-yard dash, and while the extra-point again failed, the Blue Eagles lead was up to 25-0 with 19-seconds still left in the opening quarter.

New Brockton began its ensuing possession at its own 17-yardline and this time the Gamecocks showed signs of life on offense as the Gamecocks went 83 yards in six plays to get on the scoreboard. Kaden Cupp led the Gamecocks down the field with his arm and feet, while Jordan Tacey scored the touchdown on a 6-yard run. The extra-point failed. However, with 9:47 remaining in the third quarter the Gamecocks had cut the Blue Eagles lead to 25-6.

The Gamecocks regained possession on a fumble recovery and went 57 yards in seven plays to again cut into the Blue Eagles lead. Kaden Cupp rushed for 41 yards on three carries and tossed a 1-

yard pass to Colton Marsh for the score, and while the extra-point failed, the Gamecocks were within 25-12 with 6:43 left in the quarter.

W.S. Neal regained command on its ensuing possession as the Blue Eagles drove 69 yards in nine plays to slow the Gamecock rally. The score came on a 4-yard run by Carter Hodges with 1:07 left in the half, and Bonam added the extra-point as the Blue Eagles carried a 31-12 lead in at halftime.

New Brockton recovered a Blue Eagles fumble at the W.S. Neal 28-yardline early in the third quarter and covered the distance in five plays to keep its comeback hopes alive. Kaden Cupp capped the short scoring drive with an 8-yard run, and Jacob Bustamante kicked the extra-point to pull the Gamecocks within 31-19 with 10:20 left in the third quarter.

W.S. Neal again answered the New Brockton challenge as the Blue Eagles received the ensuing kickoff and went 51 yards in eight plays to get back into the endzone. Isaac Bonam rushed for 26 yards on four carries and scored the Blue Eagles touchdown on a 6-yard run, and while the extra-point failed, W.S. Neal's lead stood at 37-19



New Brockton Gamecock Jordan Tacey (1) looks for running room outside after taking a handoff in last week's loss to W.S. Neal.



Zion Chapel Rebel Zay Adair (4) heads upfield and finds room to roam in last week's non-region clash with the Samson Tigers. The Rebels will travel to G.W. Long this week in region action.

Rebels slammed by Samson 56-12

Statistics by Joey Arnold
Photos by Catrina Arnold

The Zion Chapel Rebels continued their struggles Friday night on the road as they lost to the Samson Tigers 56-12, in non-region action.

Samson scored twice in the opening quarter on a 20-yard pass interception return by Wade Davis and a 5-yard run by Braxton Brooks to grab an early 14-0 lead, and added two scores in the second quarter to carry a big 28-0 lead in at intermission.

The Tigers second quarter touchdowns came on a 4-yard run by Wade Davis and a 40-yard pass to Josh Lowery.

Samson's lead grew to 35-0 early in the third quarter on a 52-yard scamper by Braxton

Brooks, but Zion Chapel got on the scoreboard with 6:27 remaining in the quarter on a 43-yard pass from Brockston Bragg to JD Finger to cut the Tigers lead to 35-6.

Samson responded to the Rebel score with a 38-yard touchdown run by Braxton Brooks late in the third quarter to push the Tigers lead to 42-6, and added a score on a 22-yard pass from Jacob Branch to Merritt Wyrosdick early in the fourth quarter as their lead ballooned to 48-6.

The Rebels Levi Mills pulled in a 29-yard touchdown toss from JD Finger with 8:28 remaining on the clock to make the lights flicker again on the Zion Chapel side of the scoreboard. However, the Tigers added their final score on an 80-yard kickoff return by

Braxton Brooks as Samson posted the lopsided 56-12 win.

JD Finger had 60 yards receiving with one td catch to lead the Zion Chapel offense, while Chance Kill-

ingsworth had a fumble recovery to pace the defense.

This week, the Rebels travel to G.W. Long in Skipperville, Ala. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

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3	1st Downs	10
24-22	Rushes-Yds.	35-289
111	Passing Yds.	49
133	Total Offense	338
7-13-1	Passes	2-8-0
7-36	Punts-Ave.	2-47
1/1	Fumbles/Lost	1/1
9-93	Penalties-Yds.	12-84

SPORTS NEWS



Brantley Bulldog head coach Roland Jones chats with Bulldog quarterback Tucker Kilcrease (12) during a break in the action in last week's 48-12 win over Highland Home.



Brantley Bulldog Mark Nichols (23) gets words of encouragement from a Bulldog manager along the sidelines during last week's 48-12 road win over Highland Home.

Brantley grounds Squadron 48-12

Statistics by Dickey Adcock
Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs scored two touchdowns in the final minute of the first half to take command and never looked back Friday night in posting an impressive 48-12 road win over the Highland Home Flying Squadron.

Brantley received the opening kickoff and after a 40-yard kickoff return by Kenuwyn Dixon went 45 yards in five plays to grab an early lead. The score came on a 26-yard touchdown toss from Tucker Kilcrease to Kenuwyn Dixon, and while the extra-point failed, the Bulldogs were on top 6-0 with 9:44 left in the first quarter.

Highland Home punted on its initial offensive series, but regained possession at the Flying Squadron 5-yardline on a pass interception by Nick Diaz, and from there the Squadron set sails down the field as they drove 95 yards in 18 plays to pull even.

Nick Diaz rushed for 23 yards on seven carries and completed three passes for 37 yards to lead the Squadron down the field, while Jalen Green capped the long scoring drive with a 3-yard touchdown run. The extra-point failed, but with 5:57

left in the second quarter the two county rivals were tied at 6-6.

Both teams turned the ball over on their next possessions, but the Bulldogs wound up with the football at the Highland Home 29-yardline after a fumble recovery by Daquan Pittman, and from there needed only three plays to regain the lead. The score came on a 2-yard run by Pittman, and Dixon ran in the two-point conversion as the Bulldogs went on top 14-6 with 4:37 still left in the second quarter.

Highland Home began its ensuing possession at its own 25-yardline and once again set its sights on the endzone. Nick Diaz rushed for 20 yards, including a 6-yard dash for a score, to spark the scoring drive, but the two-point try failed to produce points as the Bulldogs remained on top 14-12 with 1:19 remaining in the half.

Brantley put the ball in play at its own 34-yardline after the ensuing kickoff and covered the distance to the endzone in just three plays, with the score coming on a 67-yard touchdown toss from Tucker Kilcrease to Kedrick Brown. Carson Jones booted the extra-point as Brantley extended its lead to 21-12 with 48-sec-

onds left on the clock.

Brantley's Westley Person recovered a Highland Home fumble on the ensuing kickoff at the Squadron 34-yardline, and the Bulldogs quickly cashed in the turnover on a 16-yard pass from Kilcrease to Brown with 24-seconds remaining on the clock, as Brantley's late offensive explosion enabled the Bulldogs to carry a 27-12 lead in at the half.

Brantley began its initial offensive series of the third quarter at its own 22-yardline after a Highland Home punt, and the Bulldogs wasted little time getting back into the endzone as they went 78 yards in five plays to reach paydirt. A 35-yard run by Kedrick Brown and a 36-yard pass from Tucker Kilcrease to Westley Person were big plays in the long scoring march, with the touchdown coming on a 3-yard run by Kenuwyn Dixon. The extra-point was true by Jones, and with 6:44 left in the quarter Brantley owned a 34-12 lead.

Brantley began its next possession at its own 24-yardline after another Highland Home punt and this time went 76 yards in six plays to take complete command. A 21-yard run by Daquan Pittman and a 28-yard scamper by Tucker Kilcrease helped the Bulldogs

get near the endzone, while Kenuwyn Dixon capped the scoring drive with a 15-yard dash. Jones kicked the extra-point as the Bulldogs lead grew to 41-12 with 33-seconds left in the third quarter.

Brantley's next offensive series started at midfield after yet another Squadron punt, and from there it took the Bulldogs seven plays to get back into the endzone. A 25-yard run by Kenuwyn Dixon got the drive off to a fast start, while Tucker Kilcrease completed all three of his pass attempts for 44 yards and connected with Lucas Kilcrease from 27 yards out for the touchdown. Carson Jones added the extra-point as Brantley moved ahead 48-12 with 4:35 left on the clock to seal the deal on the big road win.

Tucker Kilcrease rushed for 43 yards on five carries and completed 11 of 18 passes for 210 yards and 3 touchdowns to lead the Brantley offense, while Daquan Pittman rushed for 48 yards and one td on nine carries and Kenuwyn Dixon rushed for 43 yards and two touchdowns on three carries and pulled in four passes for 43 yards and one td. Kedrick Brown added two catches for 83 yards and two td's.



Brantley Bulldog Kenuwyn Dixon (1) is off and running. Dixon rushed for 43 yards and two touchdowns and caught four passes for 43 yards and one td in last week's big win.

** HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP **

Lady Gamecocks fall to Goshen

The Goshen Lady Eagles posted a hard fought 23-25, 25-17, 23-25, 25-15, 15-7 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks. Anna Clark had 13 kills to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Justie Ellis added 17 assists and Shelby Hobbs had 32 digs. New Brockton on the JV game 25-23, 25-13, and also won the junior high match 25-16, 25-23.

Zion Chapel gets past Lady Tigers

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels defeated the Elba Lady Tigers 25-19, 25-17, 25-21. Andrya Chism had 3 aces, 3 digs and 2 blocks to lead the Lady Tigers, while Nevaeh Sanders added 2 aces and 3 digs. Danaejah Flowers added 5 kills and 2 blocks. Victori Edwards added 2 aces and 7 digs, Mikenzy Hooks added 2 aces and 6 digs, Jasmine Magwood added 8 digs, Sha'Vaughanie Smith added 4 digs, Callie Pope added 3 digs, and, Whitney Rayborn added 2 digs. Elba won the junior high match 25-11, 28-26 as A'Lyric Whitfield recorded 6 aces and 1 kill, Ayrika Caldwell added 3 kills and 1 ace, and, Destinee Tidwell added 1 ace and 1 dig.

Elba Junior Lady Tigers drop Dauphin

The Elba Junior High Lady Tigers defeated Dauphin 25-15, 25-21. Alayvia Stinson had 6 aces and 1 dig to lead the Lady Tigers, while Ayrika Caldwell added 5 aces, 4 kills and 1 dig; Destinee Tidwell added 4 aces and 2 kills; Kammie Adkins added 2 kills; Amaia Vargas added 1 ace; A'Lyric Whitfield added 1 kill; and, Anna Caldwell added 1 dig.

Elba Junior Lady Tigers down Charles Henderson Middle

The Elba Junior High Lady Tigers rolled to a 25-16, 25-13 win over Charles Henderson Middle. A'Lyric Whitfield had 7 aces and 2 kills to lead the Lady Tigers, while Destinee Tidwell added 4 aces and 2 kills, Ayrika Caldwell added 1 ace and 3 kills, Anna Caldwell added 1 ace and Alayvia Stinson added 2 aces.

Lady Rebels rolled by Lady Cats

The Arton Lady Cats defeated the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels 25-10, 25-16, 25-15. Caroline Hughes had 6 aces and 20 assists to lead the Lady Cats, while Zhee Oliver added 10 kills. Arton won the JV match 25-13, 25-6 and also won the junior high match 25-19, 25-18.

Lady Rebels fall to G.W. Long

G.W. Long rolled to a 25-6, 25-7, 25-16 win over the



Elba Lady Tiger Nevaeh Sanders is ready for action in recent high school volleyball action.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

Zion Chapel Lady Rebels. Breana Henning had 10 kills to lead Long, while Emma Claire Long added 6 kills and 4 aces and Ally Whitehead added 8 kills and 2 blocks. G.W. Long won the JV match 25-16, 25-15 and also won the junior high match 25-16, 25-18.

Lady Tigers caged by Arton

The Arton Lady Cats coasted to a 25-17, 25-6, 25-7 win over the Elba Lady Tigers. Jasmine Magwood had 1 ace and 6 digs to lead the Lady Tigers, while Mikenzy Hooks added 1 ace and 1 dig, Andrya Chism added 2 aces and 3

blocks, Victori Edwards added 6 aces and 2 digs, Hailee Layton added 1 dig, Nevaeh Sanders added 2 aces, Danaejah Flowers added 5 aces and 1 block, Sha'Vaughanie Smith added 2 digs, Whitney Rayborn added 1 dig, Haley Wilkerson added 1 kill, and, Emily Richardson added 1 dig. The Elba Junior High Lady Tigers lost to Arton 25-10, 25-15. Destinee Tidwell had 4 aces to lead the Lady Tigers, while Alayvia Stinson added 1 ace and A'Lyric Whitfield added 6 aces.

Lady Gamecocks fall to Opp

The Opp Lady Bobcats rolled to a 25-12, 25-20, 25-20 win over the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks. Shelby Hobbs had 28 digs to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Justie Ellis added 8 assists and Jordan Boland added 4 kills.

Lady Gamecocks pop Pike County

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks swept past Pike County 25-21, 25-22, 25-21. Anna Clark had 5 aces and 10 kills to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Lizzy Everts added 14 digs and Justie Ellis added 19 assists.

Lady Bulldogs fall to Opp

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs lost in three sets to local rival the Opp Lady Bobcats 12-25, 16-25, 20-25. For the Lady Bulldogs, Sarah Beth Long had seven serves, 35 passes, and 23 sets while Faith Peters had 17 kills and three blocks. The JV Lady Bulldogs also fell to Opp in two sets 11-25 and 21-25. Aubrie Brown had six kills, Claire McReynolds had six kills and 35 sets, Danielle McCain had nine serves, and Madison Lolley had 21 passes. The Junior High Lady Bulldogs fell 13-25 and 19-25. Brynne Kelley had three serves and 18 passes while Bella Lashley had 1 set and Lilli Sumblin had two kills.

Lady Bulldogs defeat Andalusia

The varsity Kinston Lady Bulldogs got a big win over Andalusia in three sets - 28-26, 25-10, and 25-13. In this match, Madison Moore had 25 serves, Faith Peters had 25 kills, Blair Wyrosdick had 28 sets and Sarah Beth Long had 24 passes. The JV Lady Bulldogs lost 13-25 and 24-26. Aubrie Brown led the team with 12 kills, while Rachel Hall had 32 passes, and Claire McReynolds had nine serves and 22 sets. The Junior High Lady Bulldogs also lost their match against Andalusia in three sets 25-23, 5-25, and 5-15. Chloe Phillips and Bella Lashley each had one kill, Brynne Kelley had 26 passes and Lilli Sumblin had six serves and three sets.

COMMUNITY NEWS

General Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 UDC chapter holds annual Confederate history and heritage luncheon

The Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker 2534 Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy recently held their 14th Annual Confederate History and Heritage luncheon at a venue in Enterprise.

The annual luncheon is normally held in April, which is Confederate History and Heritage month in Alabama but due to COVID-19 the luncheon was postponed until August.

The invocation was given by Chapter Chaplain Cathy Odom followed by the salutes and pledge to the flags. The salute to the Christian flag was led by Odom, the pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Donna Smith, the salute to the Alabama flag was led by Donna Clark and the salute to the Confederate flag was led by Patsy Stephens. The UDC ritual was conducted by Chapter President Georgia Fleming and Chaplain Odom. Welcome and introductions were made by President Fleming.

Two Global War on Terror Military Service Awards were presented by President Fleming and Recorder of Military Service Awards Pat Richter. Mr. Scherr Douglas Qualls of Troy, Alabama served in the US Army, 375th Combat Support Supply Battalion. He served as Command Sergeant Major, his medals include: Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/campaign star, Armed Forces Reserve medal with M Device and 30 Year Gold Hourglass (2nd award), Bronze Star medal, Meritorious Service (3rd award), Army Commendation medal (2nd), Army Achievement medal (3rd award), Army Good Conduct. He is the great-grandson of Charles Bryant Douglas who joined the Confederate army on 6 Oct 1861 as a musician at Ramer, Alabama and served honorably in Co. E, 6th Regiment Alabama infantry.

A Global War on Terror Military Service Award was also presented to Mr. Clyde B. Hornsby of Ozark, Alabama. He served as a private first class in the U. S. Army, 186th Engineer Company; his medals: Meritorious Service Medal (4th award), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2nd award), Meritorious Unit Commendation, Valorous Unit Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal (5th award), Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (5th award), Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (2nd award), National Defense Service Award (3rd award), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal Campaign Star, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3rd award), Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device, Combat Action Badge, Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver-Wheeled Vehicle(s) Clasp, Observer Controller Trainer Certification Course. He is the great-grandson of John Allen Hornsby of Co. G, 57th Regiment, Alabama infantry.

A Memorial to Confederate ancestors was given. A table of honor was placed and ritual conducted by Cathy Odom and Donna Smith. Following the ceremony each person present honored their Confederate ancestor by naming them, and giving their regiment and state.

Petition for grace was given by Chaplain Odom and a delicious luncheon was enjoyed. Following lunch, Mrs. Mary Ellen Sanders, president of the General William C. Oates



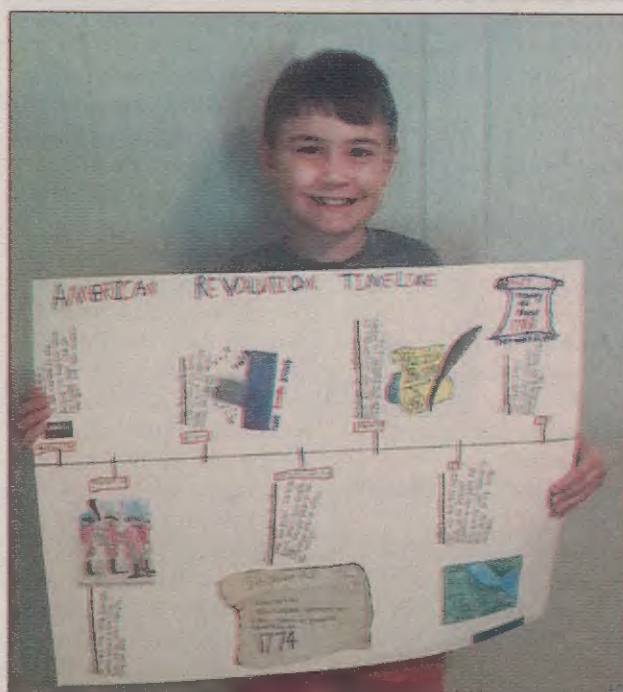
Pat Richter, Scherr Qualls, Clyde Hornsby, Georgia Fleming

1342 UDC Chapter of Dothan, installed the newly-elected Rucker officers for 2020-2022. Officers are: President and Second Vice President Patsy Stephens, Vice President and Recording Secretary Georgia Fleming, Third Vice President and Registrar Donna Clark, Treasurer and Recorder of Military Service Awards Pat Richter, Historian Donna Smith and Chaplain Cathy Odom.

Following the installation, Mrs. Fleming was presented with her Chapter President's pin for 2018-2020 by Vice President Odom, announcements

were made by President Fleming and the benediction was given by Chaplain Odom.

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FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS AT KINSTON SCHOOL completed a history project over the weekend. The project was to use a piece of cardboard and create an American Revolutionary War Timeline. The project was due Monday, Sept. 28, and students were to present it in their history class. Above, Evan Hilburn shows off his finished project before turning it in Monday at school.

Danny Long adds vice president to ESCC title

Aiming to improve student enrollment, retention and completion, Enterprise State Community College has moved forward with a reorganization that will make Dean of Instruction Danny Long the new Vice President of ESCC.

President Matt Rodgers said the title change better aligns with Long's current duties and responsibilities and recognizes his contributions to the College.

"Dean Long is actively

involved in every aspect of the College," Rodgers said. "He has worn multiple hats during his time at ESCC, and his dedication to the College shines through his work."

Long has worked in education for 25 years, with his career beginning in 1996 as a special education teacher in Ozark. In addition to earning a bachelor's degree, Long holds a master's degree in Education, master's certification in Educational Leadership,

and an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership.

"I am certainly honored to be named the Vice President/Dean of Instruction for Enterprise State Community College," Long said.

Long has served as Dean of Instruction at ESCC since Nov. 2017, overseeing all instruction on the Enterprise and Ozark campus and the College's Andalusia site. He will continue to serve the College under both titles.

MY PLEDGE TO THE VOTERS OF ELBA...

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Scripture: A Prayer for Help in Despondency [Psalm 88:1-18]

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Mike Rowe, Monique Hutchinson, Kathleen Johnson Harris, Noah Riley Hill, Helen Thigpen, Caleb O'Kelley, Clarice Fitch, Min. Robert Edwards

September Birthdays/Anniversaries

Amiya Alexis Hutchison 9-12
Grover Eria L. Belcher 9-12
W.A.I.M.O.
Linda Hooks 9-13
R. C. Carpenter 9-13
Verlin Whitfield 9-13
Shaun Hammonds 9-13
Tyrek Pruitt 9-13
Jarrel K. Sedley 9-14
Victoria Florence 9-14
Michael Terrell 9-14
Shambria Samuel 9-15
Mary R. Bell 9-15 I.M.O.

*** A Termite and a Prophet

According to an old legend, there once lived a wicked giant. The animals of the forest lived in fear of him because he often tortured and killed many of them just for sport. The giant lived in a castle perched high on a cliff overlooking the sea. From this vantage point he could observe anyone who dared approach him.

One day the animals met and began to plot how they might rid themselves of this evil tyrant. The elephant, the largest animal in the forest volunteered to climb the steep path and attack the giant. But the baint saw him coming, rushed out to meet him, seized him and threw him into the sea. After watching this, the animals were even more fearful. Finally however, the Lion—the bravest animal in the forest agreed to try and fight the giant. But he met the same fate that had befallen the elephant. As the animals cowered in fear, they heard a tiny voice say, "I have a plan to defeat the giant". Looking around they discovered a tiny termite emerging from an old log. The other animals scoffed, "If the elephant and

the lion could not defeat the giant, what chance do you have?" "Be Patient and wait" replied the little insect as he started toward the castle. Arriving there undetected by the giant, the termite crept inside the castle and began to eat away at one of the massive timbers that held the castle in place. Many months after the termite began his work, the castle suddenly collapsed into the sea, carrying the giant to his doom and securing a victory that the most powerful animals of the forest could not achieve.

This is similar to the situation that faced the Northern Kingdom of Israel. A wicked king, Ahab, and his wicked wife, Jezebel, were in power. God could have used the mighty armies of Israel's enemies to challenge Ahab. Instead, he chose an obscure prophet, Elijah, who suddenly appeared on the scene to demonstrate to Ahab and to God's people who was really "in power".

Question/Answer Section

Q/A of the week of 9/24/20

Fill in the Blanks
(Q) The _____ spies returned after searching out the land of Canaan for _____ days.

(A) The twelve spies from the 12 tribes of Israel — Numbers 13th chapter 2nd & 3rd vs. Forty days — Numbers 13th Chapter, 25v (QA) Peter said that God has given us "exceedingly great and precious promises so we can participate in the divine nature. 2nd Peter 1st Chapter 4th v.

Thought to Remember

Keep your mind stayed on Jesus and He will keep You in Perfect Peace

Questions for the week of 10-1-2020

True or False
(Q) The name of the Angel who visited Mary was Gabriel

(Q) Mary and Martha were sisters whom Jesus visited

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

CHURCH and LOCAL NEWS

Zion Chapel Bass Team returns to the water

The Zion Chapel Bass Team is back on the water. They will begin writing volume two of their story which they began last fall.

The team began chapter one of this new volume on Saturday, Sept. 12, as the anglers hit the water at beautiful Lake Martin while fishing the Wiregrass Student Angler Trail.

The Zion Chapel Bass Team began this new season with three new anglers—Peyton FitzGerald, Austin Johns, and Landra Free (their first female angler). With the addition of new anglers, the team will now have four boats on the roster.

Just like last year, each boat has two students and a captain. They will be fishing three trails this year—Wiregrass Student Angler Trail, the Alabama BASS Nation High School Trail Tiger Division, and the East Alabama High School Bass Trail. In addition to the new members, Kaleb DeVos, Kevin Dowdy, Trevor Lee, Ethan Young, and Avery Padgett will round out the eight-member team.

As the season opened, the guidelines were slightly relaxed from the final tournaments of last season. Spectators were welcomed. However, there were still guidelines imposed due to COVID.

Guests were reminded to socially distance themselves during the launch and weigh-in. No tents were permitted, and face masks/face coverings were required of spectators. Basically, in order to continue to support their anglers safely, families and friends were encouraged to do their part so that this can happen. If these rules are not followed, future tournaments will be impacted.

Lake Martin, the site for this tournament, is located in Tallapoosa, Coosa, and Elmore counties, in Alabama.

While the ZC anglers were fishing in the sultry weather, a sea of boaters and the Alabama Marine Police Troopers paraded over this 44,000-acre reservoir in a "Back the Blue" boat parade to show support for law enforcement and first responders. However, in such a vast area, this was not a deterrent for the anglers.

At the end of the hot day, the weigh-ins proved that the ZC BASS TEAM is off to a good start. Out of 72 boats, Team Young/Padgett caught a limit of five fish and finished ninth place with 7.59 pounds; Larry Campbell was their boat captain.

Team Lee/DeVos, with Junior Lee as captain, caught a limit of five fish and finished 12th place with 7.42 pounds.

Team Johns/FitzGerald, with Mark FitzGerald as captain, caught a limit of five fish and finished 39th place with 4.51 pounds.

Team Dowdy/Free, with Kevin Dowdy, Sr., as captain, finished 46th place with 3.19 pounds.

The boat captains are only allowed to coach anglers; they cannot fish, run trolling motors, net fish, or help tie lures.

The results of the first tournament posted by Wiregrass Student Angler Trail High School Fishing Series show the ZION CHAPEL BASS TEAM ranks in seventh place overall with 843 points; Headland is in the lead with 892 points.

The ZCBT members remain thankful for their captains, sponsors, families, and community for their avid support. The next stop is Lake Mitchell.



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Kevin Dowdy and Landra Free finished in 46th place with 3.19 lbs. Landra is the first female angler for the Zion Chapel Bass Team.

Church News due on Mondays!

Newbia Baptist Church conducting in-person services

Newbia Baptist Church, located at 3819 County Road 330, Elba, is having in-person services. Sunday school is at 10:15 a.m. with morning service at 11 a.m. Sunday evening service is a 6 p.m., and Wednesday

night prayer meeting and Bible study is at 7 p.m. Newbia is a dedicated "House of Prayer".

Pastor Will Jordan wants everyone to know that ALL are welcome at Newbia.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic

Eanon Baptist Church cancels 2020 Homecoming celebration

Eanon Baptist Church scheduled for October 18, (3609 County Road 148, 2020 has been cancelled New Brockton, AL 36351) due to COVID-19. Homecoming celebration

Homecoming celebration cancelled for Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church

The annual Homecoming event at Pleasant Ridge Primitive Baptist Church has been cancelled this year due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Organizers feel this cancellation is the thing to do out of concerns for the health and safety of all members and visitors.

The event was scheduled for October 4, 2020, and all related activities are cancelled for this year.

The 2021 event is planned for October 3, 2021.

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